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Fisheries

Restrictions on fishing in the Adyar.

* 664 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: With reference to copies of petitions submitted by Adi-Dravida fishermen of Adyar which were placed on the table of this House on the 4th November 1933, in reply to question No. 343 of November 1933, will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased—

(1) to place on the table of the House the reports received from the local officers on which the prohibition of fishing with certain size of nets was ordered as per Development Department No. 137, dated 13th April 1931, and that on which the Government Memorandum No. 2628 U/31-5, dated 22nd December 1932, cancelling the previous order was issued; and

(2) to state—

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Labour was consulted in the matter, and

(*b*) what the economic condition is of the fishermen petitioners?

A.—(1) The Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to place the reports on the table of the House.

(2) (*a*) No.

(*b*) Nothing special.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Police

Preferential treatment to Viswabrahmanas in the matter of recruitment to the subordinate ranks of the police.

665 *Q.*—Rao Sahib Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorials have been received since 1931, either by the Government or by the Inspector-General of Police asking for special treatment being accorded to the members of the Viswabrahman community with regard to the lower and subordinate ranks of the Police department; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage members of this community to join the Police service in large numbers?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Viswabrahmanas are included among non-Brahmans for purposes of recruitment to the Public Service. The principle that the various communities in the Presidency should, as far as possible, be represented in the public service is kept in view in making appointments in the police department. No special steps have been taken to encourage Viswabrahmanas to join the police service.

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Irrigation

Closure of the breaches in the Korayar river, Srivilliputtur taluk.

666 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the breaches in the Korayar river between the Nallamangalam and Elundrakondan anicuts and in Elundrakondan Periyakulam have been closed and the dismantled revetment in the river has been repaired; if not, why these have not yet been done;

(*b*) the improvements the Government propose to carry out to prevent the recurrence of frequent breaches; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer, Tinnevelly, inspected the Elundrakondan supply channel in or about 1927 and proposed the construction of a groyne on the right bank of the Korayar river above the Elundrakondan anicut to prevent the repeated formation of the shoal at the head of the supply channel owing to the incorrect position of the anicut; if so, what has been done in the matter?

A.—A report has been called for.

Public Health and Vital Statistics

Registration of births and deaths in the Ganjam district.

667 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Registrars of Births and Deaths are appointed under Madras Act III of 1899 in the Ganjam district;

(*b*) whether the Act in whole or in part extends to the whole of the district of Ganjam;

(*c*) the provision made for the registration of births and deaths in areas outside municipal limits and to which Act III of 1899 is not extended;

(*d*) whether provision is made to prevent unauthorized destruction and falsification of such registers;

(*e*) whether certificates of courts in which extracts from the registers are sought to be produced are required to be filed with applications for extracts from the registers; and

(*f*) when the rule insisting upon such production of court certificates was made and why?

A.—(*a*) Ninety Registrars have been appointed in villages with a population of 2,000 and over and 22 in villages with a population of 1,000 and over.

(*b*) The Act has been extended to all villages in the district with a population of 2,000 and over except 26 villages and to 23 villages with a population of 1,000 and over.

(*c*) Attention is invited to the instructions in Board's Standing Order No. 101.

(*d*) Yes.

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(*e*) Production of court certificate is not essential for the grant of extracts from the register of births and deaths.

(*f*) Does not arise.

Education

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction regarding the scheme of consolidation and concentration of elementary schools.

668 *Q.*—Mr. P. Madhusoodhanan Thangal: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the instructions recently issued by the Director of Public Instruction in his Proceedings R.O.C. No. 152-B/32, dated 1st November 1933, in regard to consolidation and concentration of elementary schools have received the approval of the Government;

(*b*) whether any protests from the public have been received against the scheme;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to immediately order the closure of schools which are considered superfluous;

(*d*) how the loss sustained by managements as a result of the unexpected and sudden closure of the schools will be compensated;

(*e*) whether the Director of Public Instruction or any other authority authorized to receive the statements and reports from the District Educational Councils have received regular reports or statements from the Malabar District Educational Council regarding the names of elementary schools and their grant for each year and the grants-in-aid which have been distributed each year and the annual returns of all elementary schools of each year;

(*f*) if these reports have not been received by such authorities, why have they not been received; and

(*g*) whether the Government have already made any enquiries or are going to make any enquiries in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. The question of closing superfluous schools will be considered only when the schemes called for in paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 1639, Education, dated 9th September 1933, are received.

(*d*) This question will also be considered in connexion with the schemes referred to in the answer to clause (*c*).

(*e*), (*f*) & (*g*) It is not clear what the reports and statements are to which the hon. Member refers. The Director of Public Instruction receives from the District Educational Council, Malabar, as from other District Educational Councils annual reports on the condition of elementary schools and the usual annual returns.